

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a hydrophobically finished aramid fabric, comprising at least the steps
  - a) providing an aramid yarn,
  - b) applying a water-repellent agent to the aramid yarn, wherein the water-repellent agent is an agent comprising a mixture of fluoroacrylate polymers,
  - c) drying the aramid yarn resulting from step b),
  - d) forming a fabric from the aramid yarn resulting from step c), and
  - e) heat treating the fabric,~~wherein after step e), the fabric contains 0.001—0.02 g of water repellent agent per g of fabric.~~
2. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step a), the aramid yarn is provided by a spinning process after leaving a wash bath.
3. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the aramid yarn is produced from poly(p-phenylene terephthalamide).
- 4.-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~Claim 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes an antistatic agent.
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~Claim 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes a lubricant.
8. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is applied to the aramid yarn as an aqueous emulsion.

9. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is present in the aqueous emulsion in a concentration in the range of 20 – 300 g/l.
10. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the application of the water-repellent agent comprises passing the aramid yarn over a roller immersed in a bath containing the aqueous emulsion of the water-repellent agent.
11. (Original) Method according to Claim 10, wherein in step b), the aqueous emulsion has a temperature in the range of 15 - 35°C.
12. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step c), the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is dried at a temperature in the range of 130 - 210°C.
13. (Original) Method according to Claim 12, wherein in step c), the drying time of the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is in the range of 5 – 15 seconds.
14. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step d), a plain weave fabric is produced.
15. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out in the temperature range of 120 - 200°C.
16. (Original) Method according to Claim 15, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out for a duration of 30 – 120 seconds.
17. - 21. (Canceled)
22. (New) Method according to Claim 1, wherein after step e), the fabric contains 0.001 – 0.02 g of water-repellent agent per g of fabric.